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Swanville School Board Minutes, District #486 March 18, 2026

The regular meeting of the Swanville School Board was called to order in the Swanville School Library at 7pm on March 18, 2026 by President Chris Kircher. Members present were Molly Gerads, Billy Johnson, Luke Peterson, Hannah VanHeel & Chris Gilyard. Also present was Superintendent Todd Lee & Principal Sheryl Johnson.

Luke Peterson made a motion to approve the Agenda for the meeting. Seconded by Molly Gerads. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

Chris Gilyard made a motion to approve the School Board Minutes from the February 18, 2026 workshop & February 25, 2026 regular meeting. Seconded by Luke Peterson. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Luke Peterson made a motion to accept the resignations:

- Rhonda Schmidt - Retirement
- Tom Bzdok - Retirement
- Tammie Wimmer - Basketball Coach

Hirings:

- Travis Barthel - Baseball Coach
- Brandon Moore - Softball Coach
- Sam Sobiech & Mackenzie Morris - Softball Coach splitting 1.0 FTE

Seconded by Molly Gerads. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

BILLS TO BE ALLOWED

Bill Johnson made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$227,047.06. Seconded by Hannah VanHeel. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

Chris Gilyard made a motion to approve the electronic transfers of \$129,593.15 on February 20, 2026 and \$73,381.39 on March 5, 2026. Seconded by Molly Gerads. Vote 6-0, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Luke Peterson made a motion to change the Substitute teacher pay rate to \$170 a day, effective 3/19/2026. Seconded by Molly Gerads. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

Bill Johnson made a motion to change the Bus Drive substitute pay rate to \$50 each route, for a total of \$100 a day (both morning and afternoon route). Activities driving to \$25 an hour, minimum of 2 hours. Seconded by Chris Gilyard. Vote 6-0, motion carried.



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Molly Gerads made a motion to approve the reimbursement of Bus Driver licensing on the following scale: Drive bus for 5 events/routes = \$500 reimbursement, Drive bus for 10 events/routes= \$500, Drive bus for 15 events/routes= \$500. Seconded by Chris Gilyard. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

REPORTS

Sheryl Johnson presented the Principal Report. Enrollment remained the same since the February meeting, with 6 net new students enrolled for 2026-2027 school year (outside of the Kindergarten class).

School Wide Celebrations:

- Swanville Lions were here Tuesday of this week and screened 347 students and caught 42 potential vision issues.
- We have a music teacher in place for the remainder of the year.
- We are having a drive your tractor to school day sponsored by FFA for all licensed or permitted students.
- We recently had the Seniors vs. Staff basketball game, the Seniors are still licking their wounds.

High School Celebrations

- One of our 8th grade Fluid Power Teams received first place at the culminating competition held on March 17th

Elementary Celebrations

- Autumn Zarns is participating in the Regional Spelling Bee tomorrow at Sourcewell
- The 5th vs. 6th grade basketball game was a great success

Elementary Students of the Month

K-Schleicher	Penelope Schillinger
K-Morris	Lillie Hartwig
1 Waltman	Braylin Romero
2 Wimmer	Ellie Sanders
2 Miller	Adalynn Kluempke
3 Novak	Liam Klein
3 Sales	AJ Johnson
4 Wimmer	Lucia Ojeda-Perez
4 Ramsdell	Stella Coyer
5 Swisher	Lawrence Cofell
5 Sobiech	Sadiee Sanders
6 Gapinski	Dixie Keppers



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PE K-3	Easton Bollin
PE 4-6	Bentley Macho
Art K-3	Carson DeFoe
Art 4-6	Derek Muellner Jr.
Music	Alaina Kiley

Athletic Directors Report

March Athletes of the Month:

Boys Basketball:

V: Head Coach Aaron Gapinski, "The March Athlete of the Month for Boys Basketball is Junior Isaac Gapinski. Isaac has been a consistent rebounder and scorer for us this season. He averaged just short of a double double this year. He worked hard every day and did so many little things that often go unnoticed. Congratulations Isaac!"

Girls Basketball:

V: Head Coach Chris Kircher, "The March Athlete of the Month for Girls Basketball is Junior Delaney Chuba. Delaney is a true team player who gives 110% all of the time on both sides of the ball. One of the things that separates her from the rest is how she is always cheering, helping and coaching the next generation of players. Congratulations Delaney!"

Special Recognition/Consideration:

Spring Coaches (most have been approved already, just a final list): Baseball: Head Coach Adam Gerads, Assistant Coach Paul Urman, JV Coach Darin Gerads, JH Coach Jason Lee, JH Coach Travis Barthel, Volunteers: Charlie Kurowski and Pete Suska

Softball: Head Coach Mike Chuba, Assistant Coach Jordan Sales, JH Coaches Brandon Moore, Mackenzie Morris, Samantha Sobiech

Trap: Head Coach Chris Kircher, Assistant Coach Seth Strassburg

- Girls Basketball won the conference championship! Congratulations to the team and coaches on this accomplishment!!
- The band received 2 superior ratings and 1 excellent rating at the Large Group Ensemble in Albany on March 4. Congratulations to the band and April Legatt on this performance!
- Bus Drivers - compensation or reimbursement for completing their licensure
- **Current Coaching Openings:** Assistant Coach - GBB



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SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Molly Gerads shared an update on the Ground Breaking open house scheduled April 9th from 1:30-2:30, all are welcome. Cookies & Juice will be provided.
- Luke Peterson reported that Meet & Confer met, addressing follow up items.

SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Todd provided updates on the follow:

- MSED Workload Analysis
- Legislative Updates
- Project Update - SPED room options
- Calendar Survey results were shared
- Storage solutions discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion ensued on School Social Media channels. Todd, Sheryl & Hannah VanHeel to provide an update at next meeting.

Bill Johnson made a motion to approve TechCheck quote for \$192,529.30. Luke Peterson seconded. Vote 6-0, motion carried.

The next Swanville School District Board meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2026 at 7pm in the High School Library.

Chris Kircher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm, seconded by Hannah VanHeel. Vote 6-0, Motion carried. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Molly Gerads
Swanville School Board Clerk/Treasure

